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To Whom It May Concern:

The LaSalle Parish School System requests an advisory opinion regarding registration fees paid to an existing school employee: ***Can a high school pay their coach registration fees for other employees to attend a football clinic he has organized?***

Jena High School teacher and football/basketball coach, Ikey Ray, is the clinic director of Boot Up Football Clinic and payee of the registration fees. The purpose of the clinic is to offer a professional development opportunity for coaches in our area. Coaches from all levels share strategies and methods that they've had success with. Professional development certificates are issued at the conclusion. The clinic is open for any current or future coach to attend.

Checks are to be made payable to Boot Up Clinic - Ikey Ray. W-9 information is individual Ikey Ray DBA Boot Up Football Clinic using his social security number. Attendees can register online, mail a check, or email a purchase order. Pre-registration is \$65. Registration at the door is \$75.

Jena High School wishes to use *School Activity Funds – Athletic – Football Funds* to pay registration fees for coaches (current count of 5 x \$65 = \$325.00). The available funds come from event admissions, concessions, and donations. No donation was given or fundraiser held for this specific purpose.

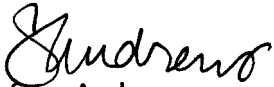
The last clinic was conducted out-of-parish at the Holiday Inn Alexandria, LA, from February 25-26, 2022. No clinics will be conducted on school board grounds.

There is not an agreement between the public employee and the school.

Jena High School was not allowed to pay for or reimburse coaches for attending the last clinic held February 25-26, 2022, because an exception could not be found in RS 42:1113 allowing the expense. We

are asking for an advisory opinion as to whether this is an allowable expense from School Activity Fund Athletic Funds paid to an employee based on the facts above.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Andrews".

Sara Andrews

Business Manager

cc: Tish Taylor, Secondary Education Supervisor  
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Ikey Ray, Secondary Classroom Teacher

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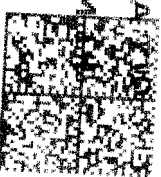
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